

Remarks

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended and claim 5 has been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 6-11 are currently in condition for allowance, and the allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-11 is respectfully requested.

In the September 17, 2008, Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 7 for reciting “‘the transparent units’ should be changed to ‘the transport units’ because only transport units are claimed in independent claim 1.” Claim 7 has been amended to correct this obvious grammatical issue that arose from a translation issue. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the office action, the Examiner indicated claims 5, 6, and 8-11 contained allowable subject matter, but objected to the claims as being dependent on a rejected base claim. The applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. The applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate claim 5 and, therefore, respectfully submits that claims 1-4 and 6-11 are now allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable and obvious over United States Patent Number 6,568,836 issued to Wahl (hereinafter “Wahl”) in view of United States Patent Number 5,355,804 issued to Garcia et al. (hereinafter “Garcia”). The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, but in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the application to allowance, has amended claim 1 to incorporate allowed claim 5. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 6-11 are currently in condition for allowance as previously recognized by the Examiner. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

For all the forgoing reasons, withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fee deficiency associated with this submittal to Deposit Account No. 08-2623. Should any extensions of time not accounted for be required, consider this a petition therefore and charge the associated fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

Respectfully submitted,

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